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# \$4,000,000 PLANT EXPANSION BY MONSANTO ON EAST SIDE

## 200 More Jobs to Result—Larger Facilities for Making Chemicals for Penicillin and Other Products.

A \$4,000,000 program to increase production of synthetic cleansing agents, chemicals for penicillin, wood preservatives and chloroform was announced last night by Monsanto Chemical Co.

The firm said it has received government approval of expansion of its plant facilities at Monsanto, Ill., in a program which will mean eventual employment of 200 new workers.

Five separate projects are involved. Enlargement of chlorine and laboratory facilities, construction of new facilities for production of miscellaneous chemicals, enlargement of present facilities for manufacture of wood preservatives and expansion of the plant boiler house.

The expansion program recently was approved by the Civilian Production Administration in Springfield, Mo., which found that the construction would not take away

essential materials from the national housing program, the Monsanto announcement said.

New chemical machinery will cost about \$3,500,000 and building expenses will total about \$500,000. About \$1,025,000 will be paid to workers for installing the chemical equipment and \$125,000 to workers on the construction job.

The work is expected to be completed by the end of next year.

Monsanto is constructing an eight-story office building to cost about \$1,100,000 at Second street and Lafayette avenue, on the present company plant site. It will be completed next year. In addition to the new office building, which will be connected with the present four-story office building at 1700 South Second street, Monsanto plans to build a plant for manufacture of synthetic materials, to cost about \$1,500,000. The new plant also will be built on the South Second site.

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